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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CI, VT

SUBJECT: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SITUATION IN CHILE

REF: SANTIAGO 6399 AND 6646

1. VATICAN IS FOLLOWING VERY CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE. AWARE THAT VATICAN HAS RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN CERTAIN FORMS OF DISPUTES, THEY ARE FOR MOMENT HOPING THAT CARDINAL SILVA WILL THROUGH PERSEVERENCE BE ABLE TO LEAD PRESENT DISPUTE TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION. NUNCIO SANZ HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO KEEP ON TOP OF SITUATION AND ADVISE VATICAN SHOULD HE THINK CARDINAL HAS EXHAUSTED ALL HIS RESOURCES, AT WHICH TIME VATICAN WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER AN INTERVENTION OF ITS OWN. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DOES VATICAN WISH TO SEE AUTONOMOUS NATURE OF UNIVERSITY THREATENED OR CHANGED.

2. CARDINAL SILVA CAME TO ROME FOR CELAM CONFERENCE AND HAD A PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL ON NOVEMBER 4, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES, HE GAVE POPE A RATHER PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF GENERAL CHILEAN SITUATION, HOLDING THAT HE HAD LITTLE FAITH IN PRESENT LEADERSHIP'S DESIRE TO RESTORE CIVIL LIBERTIES IN CHILE. CARDINAL REPORTED THAT IN HIS MEETINGS WITH PINOCHET, HE HAS ALWAYS FOUND PRESIDENT REASONABLE, BUT THAT PINOCHET USUALLY BLAMES EXCESSES ON OTHER MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WHO FAIL TO CARRY OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS.

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TIONS URGING GREATER MODERATION. CARDINAL AND VATICAN TEND TO

BELIEVE THAT PINOCHET IS USING THIS DEVICE AS A CYNICAL TACTIC  
FOR DRAWING BLAME AWAY FROM HIMSELF, AND IN HOPE OF NEUTRALIZING  
CRITICISM OF CATHOLIC LEADERS. VOLPE

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